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In re the Application of: Yasushige NAKAMURA et al.

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For: **IMAGE FORMING TONER, 2-COMPONENT DEVELOPER, IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING IMAGE FORMING TONER**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, the response due date having been extended to January 11, 2003 by a one-month Extension of Time, Applicants amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 17 and 27.

Please amend claims 9, 11, 13-15, 18, 19, 23-25, 28 and 29 as follows:

9. (Twice Amended) An image forming method comprising:
- a step of forming an image on a medium by using a developer comprising a toner in which the amount of the toner measured by gel permeation chromatography to have a molecular weight of 500 to 1000 is less than 10 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the entire toner;
 - a step of performing flash fixation of the toner on said medium, and
 - a step of collecting with a filter a sublimate of a binder resin of the toner caused by the flash fixing.

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